

THE BIBLE VIEW

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Come With Me

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“And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: 24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.” Genesis 5:23-24

In the beginning, before Adam and Eve’s sin, God did walk with them in the Garden of Eden. However, their disobedience to God ended their morning fellowship (Gen. 3:8) with Him, as it is no longer mentioned in the Bible.

The generations following Adam and Eve were not godly. Sin was as a disease that spread amongst the people quickly. Evil was on the minds of early man continually (Gen. 6:5). Sin was so rampant and angered God so, that He would one day wipe out all the sinners, except righteous Noah (Gen. 6:8) and his family to start society all over again.

Years before the worldwide flood, however, a man purposing to obey all God showed him appeared on the scene. As wicked as mankind was at the time, there was one man that ignored the lifestyles around him, and did not allow sin to interfere with his life. That righteous man was Enoch. He purposed not to participate in the sin others were committing.

The Bible tells us that Enoch “walked with God” (Gen. 5:24). For years, I assumed that this phrase meant that Enoch lived righteously, and God was pleased with him. Enoch was righteous; but a closer study reveals that God and Enoch, most likely, physically walked together.

With sin abounding all around, one man purposed to live a godly life. His testimony was so righteous, that God had personal contact with Enoch. Can you image what it was like to walk and talk with God Almighty? Enoch did, because he experienced it.

The fellowship between the Creator and His creation was so close that one day God carried Enoch away with Him, back to where God lived. Without dying, righteous Enoch immediately went to be with God (Gen. 5:24).

I do not know if a truly righteous man or woman would also have the same opportunity to walk and talk with God Himself on this Earth today. I do know, however, that one living a God-fearing life and obedient to His commandments can experience God’s help and power on his life. It is possible to please God so much that answered prayers are common; one’s being used daily by one’s Creator is possible; seeing His daily provision and protection on one’s life can be seen, and that we can have the opportunity to give Him the praise and honor He deserves.

Is your spiritual walk with God so close, that He would make an exception and come to this Earth just to physically walk and talk with you? Most likely not, but it would be a joy and honor to

have a close relationship with Him. That you can do, if you desire! God desires more Enoch's and Noah's. Live righteously and experience what it is like to have a close relationship with the Lord!

Blind Faith

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Walking down W Street one morning, I saw a little blind boy standing on the sidewalk, with his head bent forward as if eagerly listening. Stepping up to him, I said, "Shall I help you across the street, my little friend?"

"No, thank you. I am waiting for my father."

"Can you trust your father?"

"Oh. Yes. My father always takes good care of me. He leads me all the time, and when he has my hand, I feel perfectly safe."

"But why do you feel safe?"

Raising his sightless eyes, with a sweet smile and look of perfect trust, he replied, "Oh, because, my father knows the way. He can see, but I am blind."

This little blind boy preached a sermon to me. Do we, with our hand in our Father's, feel perfectly safe? We are poor blind children, yet do we not often rebel against the way the Father would lead us, and seek to go another way, which seems best to us? Because we feel the thorns sometimes, and are pierced by their sharpness, we try some other path, which seems to our blinded eyes to lead to peace and rest. However, the Father can see, and shall we shrink from the path He has marked out in wisdom and love? The path He has for us, which though it be one of trial and suffering, will best fit us for heaven.

"Stress makes you believe that everything has to happen now! Faith can assure you that everything will happen in God's perfect timing!"

Return the Stick

C. H. Spurgeon

Some years ago, I was walking in the garden one evening. I saw a stray dog about whom I had received information that was in the habit of visiting my grounds, and that he did not in the least assist the gardener, and therefore his attentions were not desired. As I walked along meditating upon my sermon, I saw this dog busily doing mischief. I threw my stick at him, and told him to go home, but what do you think he did?

Instead of growling and showing his teeth to me, or hurrying off with a howl, he looked at me very pleasantly, took up my stick in his mouth, and brought it to me and then, wagging his tail, laid the stick at my feet. The tears were in my eyes. The dog had beaten me. I said, "Good dog! Good dog! You may come here whenever you like."

Why had the dog conquered me? Because he had confidence in me, and would not believe that I could mean him any hurt.

To turn to grander things, the Lord himself cannot resist our humble confidence in Him. Do you not see how a sinner brings, as it were, the rod of justice to the Lord, and cries, "If thou smite me, I deserve it, but I submit to thee?"

The great God cannot spurn a trustful heart. It is impossible. He would not be God if he could cast the soul away that implicitly relies and goes to Him. This is the power of faith, and I marvel not that the Lord should have chosen it; for believing Him is most pleasing to God.

Oh, that you would all trust Him! If God lifts his wrath against you because of your sin; run into his arms. If He convicts you of breaking His commandments, humble yourself to Him, confess it, and repent.

He desires you to fly to his dear Son. Trust at the foot of the Cross in His full atonement, and you will be saved, forgiven, and loved.

"Being a humble instrument in the hands of our heavenly Father, I desire that all my words and acts may be according to His will; and that it may be so, I give thanks to the Almighty, and seek His aid." — Abraham Lincoln!

Trustworthy Christ

C. H. Spurgeon

There came to me the other day a young man who wished to speak with me about his soul troubles, and he began thus, "Dear sir, I cannot trust Christ."

I quickly answered him, "Have you found out some flaw in His character? Has He ceased to be trustworthy? Pray let me know all about it, for it is a serious matter to me. I have trusted Him with everything I have for time and for eternity; and if He is not fit to be trusted, I am in terrible shape."

He looked at me, thought and he said, "I will not say that again, sir; I see I have made a mistake. Truly the Lord Jesus is in every way trustworthy."

"Well, then," I said, "Why cannot you trust him?"

I let him think about that. A man is certainly able to trust one whom he regards as trustworthy. My young friend soon saw that at once, and asked me further, "But, may I trust Christ to save me? Is it wise to trust my soul with Him?"

I said to him, "Is not this the command of the Gospel, ' . . . Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house' (Acts 16:31)? Are you not warned that if you do not believe in him you will be damned? How can we doubt that we are permitted to do that which is commanded us of the Lord? I am to preach the Gospel to every creature, and this is the Gospel: ' . . . Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved . . .'"

He said, "So, then, if I trust Christ, He will save me?"

I replied, "Certainly He will. He is the Saviour of all them that put their trust in Him. He says, '... and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out' (John 6:37). It is also written, 'He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him' (John 3:36). He that trusts in Jesus is saved."

He thanked me, and saying that he had found out the secret, he went on his way rejoicing. I told him the Gospel. He received it and trusted what Christ had done for him.

"Faith is the firm persuasion and expectation, knowing that God will perform all the He has promised to the believer in Christ. This persuasion is so strong and complete that it assures the believer of possession, even NOW, of those things for which we exercise faith." — *Oliver B. Greene*